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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, as amended in 2004, requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

Due to the resignation of one delegate and another organization's nomination of an alternate, the SEAC requests these appointments be approved.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the nominees listed in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 28, 2006, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

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Biographical Resume

Attachment A

Nomination for: **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Name: **Thomas M. Langdon, Ed.D.**

Address: **14200 Oak Hollow Dr, Big Rapids MI, 49307**

Present Position: **Superintendent, Big Rapids Public Schools**

Business Address **21034 15 Mile Rd, Big Rapids MI, 49307**

Telephone: **Home (231) 679-0385 Business (231) 796-2627**

Category:

- a. Organization: **Michigan Association of School Administrators** Delegate ☒ Alternate
- b. Citizen
- c. Other:
- d. Board Member's Nominee

Race* **Caucasian**

Gender*: **Male**

Prior Experience:

Past principal- Hundreds of IEP's, etc. Many special education conferences, and also have taught special education case law at the college (master's) level.

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

MASA, AASA, Phi Delta Kappa, Etc.

Education:

BA-Calvin College

BS- Cornerstone University

MA- Western Michigan University

Ed.D.- Central Michigan University

Miscellaneous

Federal legislation requires the SEAC to maintain a majority membership of people with disabilities or parents of children 26 years of age or younger with disabilities (known as "defined" members). The child must be 26 years of age or younger throughout the SEAC member's appointed term.

I would be considered a "defined" member under the above Federal mandate:

Yes

No ☒

Biographical Resume

Nomination for: **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Name: **Laura Eckenrode**

Address: **45847 Bonaventure
Macomb, Michigan 48044**

Present Position: **CAUSE information and referral specialist**

Business Address: **15565 Northland Drive, Suite 506E, Southfield MI 48075**

Telephone: **Home (586)783-0450 Business (248) 424-9620 or
(800) 298-4424**

Category

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| a. | Organization: CAUSE | Delegate | Alternate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Citizen: | | |
| c. | Other: | | |
| d. | Board Member's Nominee: | | |

Race*: **Caucasian** Gender*: **Female**

Prior Experience: **Was employed by the Bureau of Special Education in Pennsylvania for 6 years as a Special Education Specialist, I have served 6 years on the Pennsylvania State Special Education Advisory Panel, served on numerous statewide committees. I have been an active special education advocate for over 10 years. I have been employed with CAUSE for 2 years. I have a nephew that I am raising who has Tourette Syndrome and is in special education.**

Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

Education: **High School Diploma**

Miscellaneous:

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Yes ☒ No ☐

*This information is requested in order that we may provide balanced representation.